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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EXPANDS ITS USE OF SURVEILLANCE

TO FIGHT CRIME AND GANG VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Continuing a 150-year tradition of leadership and excellence in law enforcement tactics, training, and technology, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department announced the expansion of advanced technologies at Century Sheriff's Station to assist with gang and crime-fighting efforts in the unincorporated Florence/Firestone area.

The Advanced Surveillance and Protection Plan, known as "ASAP," features a variety of technologies such as digital video surveillance, acoustic gunshot detection, and automatic license plate recognition (ALPR), integrated into a command center functioning within station dispatch. Some of the technical components have already been used by the Department and throughout the county for limited law enforcement applications. The expanded use of surveillance in the Florence/Firestone area will strengthen crime prevention measures, provide real-time intelligence to improve officer safety, and strengthen criminal prosecution with video evidence when crimes occur.

The expansion of ASAP technology at Century Station was made possible through the commitment of the Unisys Corporation, seeking to strengthen public safety, while demonstrating its excellence in technology. Many of the Sheriff's Department's 40 contract cities are also working to develop strategies to deploy ASAP or some of its components within their communities. This technology expansion is part of the Department's ongoing efforts to strengthen public safety using an alternative approach which includes suppression, prevention, intervention, and technology. Sheriff Baca stated, "This technology provides real-time information before the deputies arrive at a location, offering an enhanced response to combating crime. This is ultimately beneficial to the residents of Los Angeles County because they deserve the best deputies and the most advanced tools necessary to strengthen public safety."

All questions concerning the Century Station Advanced Surveillance and Protection Plan (ASAP) or any of its components should be directed to Century Station at (323) 568-4750 or via email: asap@lasd.org.